(c) According to the Cotton Advisory Board, the domestic requirement of cotton for the cotton year 1988-89 is estimated at 102 lakh bales.

(d) According to the Agricultural Census 1980-81, the total number of operational holdings growing cotton in 12 major producing states (Punjab, Haryana, Tamil nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa and Tripura) is estimated at 45 lakhs. In 1985-86, about 75 lakh ha. were sown under cotton, which constituted 4.2% of the total area under all crops.

Condemnation of Safdar Hashmi's murder by Shabana Azmi during Filmotsav at Delhi

1266. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact Shabana Azmi, Film Artist from Bombay condemned the murder of noted stage artist Safdar Hashmi during the Filmotsav at Delhi and therefore instruction had been issued to Doordarshan not to put her on Doordarshan screen; and

(b) whether Shabana Azmi was shown on screen of Doordarshan after the incident at Filmotsav?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Ms. Shabana Azmi continues to feature on Television.

C.B.I. enquiry about National Film Archives, Pune

1267. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any enquiry was held by C.B.I. about National Film Archives, Pune in 1986; and

(b) if so, what is the report and action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The assistance of C.B.I. was sought to probe a complaint against an official of National Film Archives of India. The report is under consideration.

Financing of films and theatres by N.F.D.C

1268. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of theatres financed by N.F.D.C. in last three years area-wise and year-wise; and

(b) what is the total number of films financed by N.F.D.C. in last three years, area-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) Loans for the constuction of 25 cinema theatres were sanctioned by the National Film Development Corporation during 1986-87 and 1987-88 under its Theatre Financing Scheme. No